

In the Abstract

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The invention relates to a device ~~(1)~~ for adjusting and/or verifying the axial force in screwed connections. The inventive device contains a control device for limiting an axial force acting between two force application elements of the screwed connection. To this end, the invention provides that the control device comprises means ~~(4, 5)~~ for recording signal values from a measuring element ~~(2)~~ whose electric resistance can vary according to the acting axial force.